

CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes – December 10th, 2019

At 6:00 pm the regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Council members present: Mayor Rodney Schultz, Donald Dahlen, Robert Koelfgen, Ginger Houle and Monica Keding.

Other staff present were: Jason Minenko, Monica Weets, Jamie Hubbell, and Damien Toven (Attorney).

Motion to approve the December amended agenda by Houle; second by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the November Regular meeting minutes by Dahlen and seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Keding made the **motion** to approve the November final claims totaling \$406,145.89 with Houle seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by Dahlen to approve the December month to date claims totaling \$232,407.05 was made with Houle seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Open Forum: None

Public Hearings, Requests and/or Complaints:

- a. The Truth in Taxation public hearing was opened by **motion** from Houle, second by Keding, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - I. Dennis Trombley 1492 White Cloud Circle – Asked for “clarification of the term COLA. Then clarification of what the numbers of the government funds correlate to. He suggested the council use a little out of reserves and not to cut street and police department budgets. He stated that the council was doing a good job. He has lived in Isle since 1992 and became a full time resident in 2005. He knows that the lower the better the budget is for tax payers, but understands that the tax increase is necessary so the tax payers and reserves balance should have to share the deficit.”
 - II. Tina Chapman _____ Main St. – “Asked what the percentage increases would be per property. Decipher between residential homestead verses vacation verses commercial.”
- b. The public hearing was closed by **motion** from Houle, second by Dahlen; all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2019-12B** Approving the 2020 Final tax levy increasing the general tax levy by \$25,000 and \$0 for General Obligation Bond for the fire hall; totaling \$609,016 approved by **Motion** by Houle, seconded by Koelfgen. All in favor. None opposed, motion carried.
- d. Pedestrian citizen concern discussed about bicycle and pedestrian traffic crossing Main Street/Hwy 27 at the Father Hennepin intersection. Discussion about signs being posted on the approaches to the park from both west and east traffic. Schutlz recommended that Chief Reichel continue efforts acquiring speed radar signs either from the Sheriff’s department or through grants to purchase. Minenko stated that he is confident that signs are currently posted although admits that MNDOT did not feel that crosswalk markings were necessary after the repaving project last year.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Supervisor Minenko presented the November department report. Minenko reported snow plowing has been priority one. Final discharge and transfer completed. State park transferred 300,000 gallons of holding waste to our ponds. 13 work orders for the month and \$35038.13 in water and sewer revenues for the month. Purchase approval for the down payment of the 2020 GMC new pick up. Secured total loan with First National. \$9962 per year to include plow kit and lighting.

Police Department- Chief Reichel was not present, but Mayor Schultz reviewed his report to council covering 202 incident reports for the month. Summary of the calls for the month reviewed and highlighted. **Resolution 2019-12C** to approve declaration of new Part Time officer Andrew C Sammis approved by **motion** from Dahlen and seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Liquor Store Operations- Manager Weets was presented the November sales report. November revenues were up \$14,143.93 from November 2019, at \$67,831.85 total revenue. Although, expenses were also up from last year by \$7,619.82 with \$75,225.90 in total expenses. Month end net effect was at a loss of \$7394.05 YTD total sales \$883,158.89. Monthly beer, wine and liquor specials; Natural Ice, Phillips Vodka 1.75 and Rotari Rose. December events approved: December Mille Lacs Open with Disco Night DJ at 9PM to 1 AM. December 14th – Ugly sweater contest with DJ from 9PM to 1AM. And December 31st New Year’s Eve live band “The Rubber Monkeys” for \$800 and new years food and promotions.

Fire Department- No report

Planning Commission –No Meeting

Airport Committee – Dahlen reported on the Commission meeting. Closing up the airport for the winter and no well was drilled yet to date. Holding off until weather cooperates. Retka reported to the Commission that there was a break in to one of the hangars and some items were reported stolen.

City Engineer –Tim Ramerth was present at the special meeting for the water and sewer budget and rate discussion. Full report next month on progress of extension project planning status.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Records reviewed for scheduled retention schedule destruction. Motion to approve files by Dahlen, seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. Motion to request authorization to renew revolving loan Certificates of Deposit. **Motion** from Dahlen and seconded by Houle to renew for one twelve month period at 1.75% with First National Bank. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2019-12D** Accepting Donations of \$4500.00. \$2000 from the Isle Lions to the police department. \$1500.00 donation to pass thru to the Friends of the Library from the Lions Club. \$500 from the Drift Skippers to pass thru to the Chamber for Christmas in the park. And lastly, \$500.00 from McQuoids to the Police Department general fund. **Motion** by Houle and seconded by Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried
- c. **Motion** by Houle to approve the amendment to the City Fee schedule as presented to council for consideration. Second by Keding, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- d. **Resolution 2019-12F** to adopt new water and sewer rates for CIC and Multi-User type accounts and to establish a new Storm Sewer base. **Motion** by Houle, seconded by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- e. Request for motion to approve cigarette license renewals for 2020 presented to council. **Motion** by Houle to approve with second by Koelfgen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report:

- a. Mille lacs County housing repair loans and grants program discussed.

Financials:

- a. General Fund balance: \$1,050,191.28 Liquor Fund balance: \$32,795.23

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:20 P.M.. by Dahlen, seconded by Koelfgen. Next regular meeting, January 14th, 2020. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Dated on this 10th day of December, 2019
 APPROVED on this 14th day of January, 2020

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:

Motion _____

Second _____

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Ginger Houle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monica Keding	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Koelfgen	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rodney Schultz	<input type="checkbox"/>

 Rodney Schultz - Mayor

ATTEST:

 Jamie Hubbell, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer